



FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

# PSYC1027

## FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY: CRIME, COURTS AND CORRECTIONS

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#### **4. Aims of the Course**

This course aims to provide an introduction to forensic psychology. You will learn how psychologists play a critical role in the criminal justice system, and how psychological research can inform many

<b>Ethical, social and professional understanding</b>	3	The course will give careful consideration to the role of psychologists in the legal system, whether acting as a clinician, consultant, an expert witness, or a researcher. We will consider the ethical issues psychologists must consider in these contexts.
<b>Communication</b>	2	The ability to clearly communicate the outcomes of psychological research to a non-specialist audience will be assessed in the court observation report. The weekly small group discussion forums will also develop students' communication skills.

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## Weekly Schedule

Wk	Date	Who	Lecture Topic	Assessment	
				Name	Due
1	25 <sup>th</sup> July	RK	Introduction		
2	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	KM	Offence		
3	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	RK	Court	Court Observation Part 1: Court Etiquette Test	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 11.59pm
4	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	RK	Pre-trial		
5	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	KM	Conviction: Part 1	Court Observation Part 2: Summary	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 11.59pm
6	29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	KM	Conviction: Part 2		

9. Assessment								
Assessment Task	Weight	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Graduate Attributes Assessed	Date of		Feedback		
				Release	Submission	Who	When	How
Weekly Quizzes	10%	1,2	2,3	Weekly	Weekly	Automatic	Immediate	Moodle
Discussion Forum Log	10%	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4,5	Weekly	Week 13	Marker	Study Period	General feedback on Moodle
Mid-Semester Exam	20%	1						







academics can also use it to check a student's work when they are marking it. You can find out more about Turnitin here: <https://teaching.unsw.edu.au/elearning>.

**What if plagiarism is found in my work?**

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the

### **13. Administrative Matters**

The *School of Psychology Student Guide*, available on <http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/current-students/student-guide>, contains School policies and procedures relevant for all students enrolled in undergraduate or Masters psychology courses, such as:

- Attendance requirements;
- Assignment submissions and returns;
- Assessments;